

## BOTH THE THOMASES INDICTED

FOR USING LIFE INSURANCE CO.'S FUNDS UNLAWFULLY.

They Plead Not Guilty and Give Bail—Two Bills Against E. R., the Long Thomas, and One Against O. F., the Short One, Whose Son Tangled Up His Affairs.

Edward R. Thomas and Orlando F. Thomas, who is not a relative but who has been engaged with E. R. in skyrocket financial enterprises, were indicted yesterday for violating the insurance law while they were in control of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, which they bought from Timothy L. Woodruff. There are two indictments against E. R. and one against O. F. They were filed by the special county Grand Jury which has been investigating banking cases.

They were not surprised to the Thomases, who appeared promptly with their counsel, ex-Judge John M. Davy of Rochester. Judge Davy said that both defendants pleaded not guilty, but that he would like to have three weeks in which to withdraw the plea, demur or make whatever motion he thought was necessary.

Justice Dowling thought two weeks was enough and March 16 was fixed. It had been agreed that \$5,000 bail on each indictment was enough, so E. R. put up \$10,000 and O. F. \$5,000. The bonds were furnished by the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and in a very short time the Thomases were out of the Criminal Courts Building.

The indictments refer to loans which were made by the Thomases while they had control of the Provident Life and are based on violations of section 36 of the insurance law, which says that no director or officer of an insurance company shall receive any money or valuable thing for negotiating, procuring or recommending any loan from any such corporation or for selling or aiding in the sale of any stock or securities to or by such corporation. The offense is a misdemeanor.

The first indictment against E. R. Thomas begins as follows: "The Grand Jury of the county of New York, by this indictment, accuse E. R. Thomas of the crime of unlawfully being pecuniarily interested as a beneficiary in a loan from an insurance company doing business in this State, of which corporation he was then and there a director."

E. R. Thomas was chairman of the finance committee and a director, and O. F. was a director of the company. This indictment covers a loan made to E. R. Thomas by the firm of Thomas, Macley & Co., stock brokers, as the firm was known in April, 1907. The Thomas of the firm was O. F., and the other partners were Robert Macley and Harold H. Weekes. E. R. Thomas had been a customer of the firm and was indebted to it for large demand loans. He had made the loans to buy in securities through the firm on margin. But at the same time Thomas, Macley & Co. owed a good deal of money to banks and other financial institutions. These loans were secured, according to the indictment, by stocks and securities owned by Macley & Co., Thomas and other customers. This collateral, the indictment says, consisted of securities not listed on the Stock Exchange and was of a questionable character, and Thomas knew this. The indictment then enumerates loans made by Thomas, Macley & Co. to the payment of which had been guaranteed by E. R. Thomas. The loans were as follows:

- \$200,000 by the Metropolitan Trust Company on December 20, 1906.
- 100,000 by the Metropolitan Trust Company on February 21, 1907.
- 100,000 by the Mercantile National Bank on December 27, 1905.
- 1,000,000 by the Mercantile National Bank on August 20, 1906.
- 100,000 by the Mercantile National Bank on January 23, 1907.
- 100,000 by the Mercantile National Bank on March 7, 1907.
- 100,000 by the Bowling Trust Company on January 23, 1907.
- 50,000 by the Mount Morris Bank on January 24, 1906.

All of these loans were payable on demand and were outstanding on April 2, 1907, and for the payment of each of them the indictment says E. R. Thomas was personally liable. On the same day Thomas, Macley & Co. owed the Hamilton Bank \$100,000 on a note. This note was secured by collateral similar to that put up for the other loans. The Hamilton Bank demanded payment and it became necessary for Thomas, Macley & Co. either to borrow \$100,000 with which to pay the note or then and there to suspend business. If they suspended, payment of the other loans which had been guaranteed by E. R. Thomas would be demanded and in default of payment the securities would be sold forthwith at a loss and Thomas, as the guarantor, would have to make good the loss on the securities.

After the Hamilton Bank demanded its money the Provident Life loaned \$100,000 in the Italian American Trust Company on an agreement that the \$100,000 should be turned over to Thomas, Macley & Co. as a loan, which was done. Then the Hamilton Bank's loan was paid. This loan made by the Provident Life was not made on a policy issued by the company and therefore was a violation of the insurance law.

The second indictment against E. R. Thomas accuses him of "unlawfully receiving a valuable thing for procuring a loan from an insurance company" in which he was a director. The indictment says that Thomas agreed to get his company to loan \$30,000 to the Union Bank of Brooklyn if he got a loan of \$100,000 from the bank. He got the loan and according to contract the insurance company five days later, on February 5, 1907, made the loan of \$30,000 to the insurance company.

The one indictment against O. F. Thomas says that he was a customer of the Macley firm, doing business just like E. R., and that he guaranteed the following loans:

- \$50,000 by the Empire Trust Company on January 31, 1907.
- \$5,000 by the Oriental Bank on December 23, 1906.
- 10,000 by the Bank of Wayne of Lyons, N. Y., on August 4, 1906.

While these loans were out the Macley firm owed the Hudson Trust Company \$75,000, the loan being payable on demand. On March 8, 1908, the trust company demanded payment of the loan, but the Macley firm had only \$25,000 on hand.

O. F. Thomas arranged it so that the Provident Life loaned \$50,000 to the New Amsterdam National Bank on condition that it be loaned to Macley & Co. This was

## EMMA GOLDMAN TO BE DEPORTED

Federal Authorities, Roused by Father Leo's Murder, Take Action.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—A special reception for Emma Goldman, the anarchist, when she comes to Chicago on March 8 to speak at the German Hochsociety Hall, was ordered to-day by Frank P. Sargent, United States Commissioner of Immigration.

In an order from Washington he directed that the Chicago Federal authorities at once take steps to put her under arrest with the view of deporting her to Russia. It was explained that as an avowed anarchist, who has never been naturalized, Emma Goldman comes within the immigration law barring anarchists from this country. When she left the United States recently she forfeited, it is said, even the shadow of a legal right to reside here.

The Rev. Pasquale Renucci, pastor of St. Roch's Italian Catholic Church, called on Assistant Chief Schuetzler to-day to ask protection for a Catholic clergyman. Father Renucci told of an attempt on the life of Father Modesto Gembrioli of St. Michael's Church, who was shot at by an assassin who has threatened his life in letters. Following the interview, which was private, Schuetzler declined to tell of the plans of the police.

## LETTER OF CREDIT MULTIPLIED

Issued in New York, Returned, Cashied in Eight Cities—Loss \$100,000.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The police here are investigating an ingenious swindle involving \$100,000. Six months ago a man deposited a large sum of money in a well known bank in New York, asking for a letter of credit, which was given to him. He returned the letter in a few days, saying he had no further use for it, and withdrew the money from the bank.

In the meantime, however, the letter of credit was photographed and several clever reproductions were mailed to accomplices, who cashed them simultaneously in London, Hamburg, Paris, Marseilles, Rome, Genoa, Munich and Vienna.

As yet no clue has been discovered that would lead to the identification of the swindlers.

## WATER BOARD WANTS \$20,000,000.

Not All at Once, but Could Put 1,500 Unemployed at Work.

At the meeting of the Board of Estimate to be held a week from to-day it is the intention of the Board of Water Supply to ask for \$20,000,000. One reason for asking for this large amount at this time is a request made recently by Mayor McClellan that the board if possible provide work for some of the unemployed. An appeal for help for those without work was made a few days ago by the Central Federated Union. If such an amount of bonds is authorized, President Bensen said that work could probably be found for at least 1,500 more men by the end of the spring.

"There is nothing hysterical about this request," he said. "If the board authorizes the issue of \$20,000,000 of bonds it does not mean that the amount will be required at once. The payments can be scattered over five or six years. Unless this work is begun now, however, there will come a time when the water will not run above the cellars anywhere, the population is increasing so fast."

Mr. Bensen said that with the money the construction of two large siphons at Wallkill and Rondout could be begun shortly.

## BANQUET TO PRESIDENT PARDO.

Peruvian Officials Entertained on the Continent—Preparing to Sail.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LIMA, Feb. 27.—The party of Peruvians returned from Mount Meigs at noon to-day and expressed themselves as delighted with the trip. They were much impressed by the evidence of the ancient civilization of Peru exhibited by the Temple of the Sun, built by the Incas, the former rulers of the country.

Gen. Espinosa, Minister of War and Marine, gave a most successful garden party this afternoon. There were 1,200 guests present, including 300 officers from the army and navy, which was dancing, which continued until 7 o'clock this evening.

Another banquet was given this afternoon, at which there were 4,000 spectators, among whom were 1,500 men from the various battalions.

Doctors from Lima visited Rear Admiral Evans to-day. He is suffering from a recurrence of his attacks of rheumatism. His prognosis was favorable.

To-night a grand banquet in honor of President Pardo was given on board the flagship Comandante. The guests included many of the high Peruvian officials. After dark the Bay of Callao presented a lovely aspect. All the warships in the harbor were decorated with varicolored electric lights and the other ships also displayed illuminations. The city of Callao was also brilliantly illuminated in honor of the occasion.

The fleet is taking on board stores of provisions preparatory to its departure on Saturday. Much regret is expressed among all classes of Peruvians that its stay could not be lengthened.

## FIND MISS LEWIS SANE.

She Thanks the Second Jury for "Saving Her From the Madhouse."

Mary Elizabeth Lewis, who has been an inmate of a private sanitarium in Bloomingdale for two years, was declared sane yesterday by a jury before Justice Aspinall in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. Miss Lewis owns several hundred thousand dollars, and before she was sent to the sanitarium she lived in the Hotel St. George, on the Heights, for fourteen years. Judge Aspinall ordered the findings of the jury to be sent to the special term of the Supreme Court for confirmation.

Miss Lewis thanked Judge Aspinall for kind treatment during the long trial and told the jurors she was grateful to them for saving her from the madhouse. Then she shook hands with the jurors. Miss Lewis also thanked her counsel, Frederick Ringrose, H. G. Bookius and Hyndrich Ware. She was paroled in the custody of her counsel.

The verdict of the jury restores to Miss Lewis the right to manage her own estate, which yields a yearly income of \$7,000. She is 37 years old. Her case was brought before the court by a writ of habeas corpus issued last November, which directed that she be taken from the sanitarium where she had been confined through the efforts of her relatives and brought before Justice Carr in the Special Term of the Supreme Court. A Sheriff's jury found her sane, but a commission reported against them. Justice Carr then sent the matter to the Trial Term.

## SUFFRAGETTES HOOTED AWAY

THE CURB SHOWERSTICKER TAPE ON MRS. BORRMAN WELLS.

With Two Other Women and George Black She Invades the Financial District and Meets a Storm of Jeers—Paper Bags Filled With Water Used as Missiles.

An advance guard of three women from the Fresh Air Suffragettes and Mr. George Black of Harlem went down yesterday afternoon to show the financial district a great light. Broad street for a block on either side of the Broad Exchange Building saw the light, but not in the manner that the three would have it, and after a bombardment of wastepaper baskets, water bags and ticker tape from every window within reach for fifteen stories above the street the three brave women and Mr. Black went away just as a full bodied young riot was in the making.

Mrs. Borrman Wells, chief suffragette of the expedition, was "very, very angry" at the treatment that she and her fellow workers received. Miss Helen Murphy and a very young woman who would not give out her name under any circumstances, both of whom were with Mrs. Borrman Wells in the campaign carriage, were very wet and rumpled.

The suffragettes had announced that because of the imminence of the legislative hearing at Albany they had planned to have the best of their orators in Broad street at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, so that the solid business men of the community could learn the fundamental truths of votes for women. Just five minutes after the hour appointed an open carriage containing Mrs. Wells and her fellow crusaders trundled down Broad street and drew up in front of the Broad Exchange Building.

Mrs. Borrman Wells turned to the reporters in a businesslike way and gave the name and former history of Mr. Black, and then as Miss Murphy unfurled a yellow "Votes for Women" banner Mrs. Wells stood up to speak.

Every window on both sides of the street from the banker's offices on the ground floor to the cubbyholes under the eaves was thrown up, and clerks, typewriters and office boys struggled for places. Somebody, realizing that a joke was in progress, began to unfurl ticker tape from a window away up in the building at 30 Broad street across the way, and within five minutes miles of the white ribbons were whipping and twisting from a dozen windows of the Exchange Building.

Mrs. Wells took this as a distinct compliment and hurried along in her forceful way. The street was blocked from curb to curb. The uniformed telegraph and cable boys eddied about in disturbing swirls waiting for the trouble flag to drop.

"Get the hook!" suddenly burst from lips too hot to hold under the strain of politeness. "Get the hook!" chorused a dozen of the messenger boys.

"I don't know what you mean, you know," replied Mrs. Wells, with some asperity, "but if you're referring to the necessity of getting a hook for your Legislatures to bring them into the path of justice and honesty, then I am with you in that cry."

This made a great hit. Somebody away up near the roof of the Broad Exchange showed appreciation by dropping a paper bag filled with water. It burst on the carriage top near the speaker and splattered her generously. The water bag was cheered, then Mrs. Wells. Everybody was warming up and feeling just about right.

The feathers on Mrs. Wells's fur toque began to droop with the wet and some ticker tape settled about her neck, but she kept at it, pounding out her periods with her gloved hands long after her words had ceased to be heard three feet beyond the carriage wheels.

Then she gave way to Mr. Black. That was what the crowd had been waiting for. A roar of joy went up from the crowd, which had been letting ticker tape stream out over the heads of the gallant four in the campaign carriage began to reverse the process. They held to the end of the tape and threw the bolt; that worked much better. The somebody high over the heads of the crowd and an office sponge and soaked it with ink. A flashily dressed young broker's clerk back at the edge of the crowd got that sponge in the collar.

A beer wagon out its way through the pack and somebody shouted, "Drinks for the suffragettes!" A man made for the beer crates and it looked for a minute as if there would really be drinks for the suffragettes.

Mrs. Borrman Wells frowned mightily and whisked the water off her green automobile coat with her handkerchief. Miss Murphy tried to smile, gripping her banner harder the while. The little unknown in the carriage with them shrunk as far into her seat as she could and looked scared.

While Mr. Black was standing mute in the carriage, red with anger and waiting for a chance to speak, the crowd and those in the windows above got rough. Somebody threw a whiskey bottle from an upper window in the Postal Building and it chugged into a man's stiff hat with a resounding thud. The hat was jammed down about its wearer's chin and he straightaway looked for a fight. Then bananas and big mushy chocolate drops, such as constitute messenger boys' lunch, began flying thickly about the heads of the suffragettes.

About the time that one of the policemen went up to the Wall street corner to turn in a call for reserves Mrs. Borrman Wells accepted the inevitable and ordered the coachman to drive away.

FOR PREACHING POLYGAMY.

Mormon Evangelists Imprisoned and Expelled From Switzerland.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

GENEVA, Feb. 27.—The American Mormon missionaries were arrested yesterday at the capital of the canton of Grisons, have been sentenced to serve three days in prison. Afterward they will be expelled from Switzerland for preaching polygamy.

## HUNCHAKIST PRIEST CONVICTED.

Martossian Goes to Sing Sing for Two Years and Two Months.

Levon M. Martossian, the Armenian priest who has been regarded as the head of the Hunchakist in this country for a number of years, was convicted in General Sessions last night of attempted extortion. The jury which has been hearing the case for three days took eighteen minutes to agree upon a verdict. Martossian, who is a self-contained person, was not disturbed by the verdict. He asked that he be sentenced at once.

His counsel, Martin T. Manton, made a little speech saying that it had not been shown that Martossian had done wrong; that he simply collected money for a good cause. Judge Malone replied that he agreed with the verdict of the jury and sentenced Martossian to not less than two years and two months at hard labor in Sing Sing. The minimum penalty is two years and five months.

Martossian was tried for trying to extort \$100,000 from Miran G. Karaguehian, a rug dealer, who had an office in the Parker Building. It was brought out also that Martossian had attempted to blackmail several other rich Armenian rug dealers.

## BONNER SUSPENDS THE TARDY.

Fire Commissioner Bonner Suspended Alexander Stevens, Superintendent of Buildings, and Joseph L. Burke, Chief Inspector of the Bureau of Combustibles, Yesterday. Each Man Has a Salary of \$3,000 a Year.

The Commissioner refused to give any information about the matter for publication. There was a great deal of discussion about headquarters regarding the suspensions. It was said that the men were suspended for failing to report promptly at 9 o'clock in the morning for duty. Stevens, it was said, reached headquarters at 9:11 o'clock and he was greatly surprised when informed that he was in trouble for being eleven minutes late.

Burke had been appointed by Fire Commissioner Lantry to succeed Mr. Lantry, who was made secretary on the death of Alfred Downes. Stevens entered the department on April 7, 1907.

Burke, who was working against Senator Freney at the fire alarm, is the man who snatched a pistol in the face of Alderman Percy Nagle in the Park Row Building last fall, alleging that Nagle sent repeaters into the district to help out Freney. Burke said last night that he didn't know he had been suspended.

## WHY QUEBEC BRIDGE FELL.

Structure Too Big for Standard Formula on Weight and Strain.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 27.—The report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the collapse of the Quebec bridge has been presented to the Minister of Railways, and after consideration by the Cabinet will be laid before Parliament next week. It is understood that the findings are that the collapse was due not to any defect in material or the construction but to a defect in the design.

In an undertaking greater than any ever before attempted in bridge construction, it appears that the engineers failed to recognize that the usual working formulae as to weight and strain were not applicable without considerable modification. The weight of the great middle span was too great for the supporting members, hence the collapse.

The chief engineer of the Phoenix Bridge Company was primarily responsible, but his design was approved by Mr. Cooper, consulting engineer of the Quebec Bridge Company, both being recognized as authorities on this continent on bridge construction. The design was further approved by the Government.

That the defects of the design can be remedied and the bridge finally constructed is now the opinion of the engineers.

## LEMOINE ACCUSES WERNER.

"Diamond Maker" Hits Back at Man From Whom He Got \$320,000.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Temps says that the examining Magistrate in the case of Lemoine, the electrical engineer who is accused by Sir Julius Wernher of the De Beers Mining Company of obtaining from him by fraud \$320,000 in connection with a supposed invention for the manufacture of diamonds, is alleged to have discovered a person who supplied Lemoine with fusible plugs. It is supposed that real diamonds were concealed in these so as to be subsequently found in the crucibles in which the diamonds were alleged to be made.

Lemoine has now formally charged Sir Julius with forgery and swindling in reference to documents Sir Julius submitted to the Magistrate.

## MISSOURI INDORSES TAFT.

State's Delegates at Large Instructed to Vote for the Secretary.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—The Republican State convention to-day endorsed Taft for President and instructed the State's four delegates at large to vote for him; elected Herbert S. Hadley for Governor, endorsed Charles Nagel of St. Louis national committeeman, selected four delegates at large and four alternates to the Republican national convention and nominated eighteen Presidential electors.

The committee on resolutions averted a resolution offered by friends of T. K. Niedringhaus, who was defeated for national committee, in favor of the submission to the people of a prohibition amendment to the Constitution.

The delegates at large are Senator William Wagner, Attorney-General Herbert S. Hadley, John H. Bothwell and John H. Holmes.

## NO INCREASED PAY FOR ARMY.

The House Decides That It Should Be Authorized in a Separate Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The House of Representatives spent most of today's session discussing a point of order made by Mr. Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, against the proposed increase of pay of enlisted men in the army carried in the Army Appropriation bill. Every one who spoke declared himself to be in favor of the increase, but Mr. Tawney and those who took the same view insisted that it should come in a separate bill in accordance with the rules. All provisions in the bill affecting the rate of pay for enlisted men went out on points of order.

## ORMOND-DATTONA AUTO RACES.

Feb. 27.—The Ormond-Dattona auto races, all-Pennsylvania, started to-day at 10 o'clock at the Ormond-Dattona track, near Harrisburg. The A. C. A. will use this track on Feb. 28. Office 1155 Broadway.

## EDISON'S CONDITION GRAVE

A SECOND OPERATION NECESSARY, THIS TIME ON THE MASTOID.

Seat of Old Wound Had Become Infected From the Abscess Opened Last Sunday—Four Surgeons Issue a Bulletin Saying That the Patient's Recovery Is Probable.

The condition of Thomas A. Edison, who was taken from his home in Orange, N. J., last Sunday night to the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, has become grave, though his physicians say that his recovery is probable.

Mr. Edison was operated on last Sunday to open an abscess of the middle ear, and a second operation has been necessary as a consequence of the first. Mr. Edison had been operated on three years before for an abscess in the left mastoid process and it was apprehended when the new abscess was opened that complications might arise in the seat of the old trouble.

That is what happened: The patient developed a high temperature yesterday and an infection of the mastoid was suspected. Drs. James F. McKernon and W. Gill Wylie were called in in consultation and it was decided that the mastoid must be reentered and cleaned out. The operation, like the one of Sunday, was performed by Dr. Arthur D. Buel, who was assisted by Dr. John R. Page, Dr. John H. Bradshaw of Orange, Mr. Edison's family physician, was present. A bulletin signed by the four surgeons and issued last night says:

"A second operation was performed on Mr. Edison this afternoon owing to the fact that the infection has extended back into the old mastoid wound. He was seen in consultation by Dr. J. F. McKernon and Dr. Gill Wylie of New York and Dr. Bradshaw of Orange. While Mr. Edison's condition is grave it is probable that he will recover."

Mr. Edison celebrated his sixty-first birthday two weeks ago. Recently he has been in ill health, suffering from a chronic kidney complaint, it was said.

Mr. Edison has been very deaf for many years. Last week an abscess in the middle ear began to cause him intense pain and he went to the hospital, accompanied by his wife, a son and a daughter, who have taken rooms there. Dr. Buel was reluctant to discuss the case last night further than he had expressed himself with the other surgeons in the bulletin. Mr. Edison's condition was undoubtedly grave, he said, but there was an excellent chance that he would pull through.

## ANOTHER ICE PROSECUTOR.

Attorney-General Adds George Gordon Battle to J. W. Osborne.

Another special prosecutor has been appointed by Attorney-General Jackson to help in the ice trust inquiry before the special county Grand Jury. George Gordon Battle is the man. With James W. Osborne and W. A. De Ford he appeared before the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon for the first time. Only accountants who have gone over the books of the company were examined yesterday.

Justice Dowling announced yesterday that the Grand Jury which was sworn in in January will be continued for another month. The Grand Jury was drawn to look into banking cases. Justice Dowling thanked the jurors for what they had done and said he was sorry that so much of their time had been taken up. The Grand Jury still has the ice trust and the Metropolitan investigation to wind up.

## REMEMBERED HIS VOICE.

How Mrs. Otten Helped the Police Catch the Man Who Robbed Her Home.

Mrs. Luke Otten, whose home in Auburndale, near Flushing, was robbed early yesterday morning, recalled later that the man who shouted to her "Lay still; don't make a noise, or I'll kill you and your daughter too!" had a voice exactly like that of a man who often visited with her coachman. From the coachman the woman learned that the visitor was Louis Anderson, who worked for William Wagner, a carpenter of Bayside. Mr. Otten called Mr. Wagner by phone and the latter went to Anderson's room. Anderson was asleep and Wagner searched the room, finding nearly all of the stuff that had been taken from the Otten home.

After the police had arrested Anderson he admitted that he was paroled from the State prison six months ago and was taken care of in Mrs. Booth's Hope Hall in Rockland county until he got a job with Mr. Wagner. He was arraigned before Magistrate Fitch in Flushing and held for the Grand Jury on a charge of burglary.

## DROPS DEAD IN A CAR.

Barnett Bidersee Was on His Way to Attend a Religious Service.

Barnett Bidersee, secretary of the West End Synagogue, 8 West Eighty-second street, dropped dead last night in Lenox avenue near 117th street while on his way to attend a religious service. He was accompanied by his daughter and had just come from his home at 213 West 108th street. Mr. Bidersee was 62 years old and had served the congregation of the synagogue for thirty years. He was born in New York and after being graduated from City College served in the office of Capt. Ericsson, the inventor of the ironclad Monitor. Mr. Bidersee married Miss Flora Misch and since he had been a wholesale importer of bric-a-brac. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son, Isaac.

## STOLE DIAMONDS WORTH \$30,000.

Salesman Confesses to Theft From His Employer.

Harry Levison, a diamond salesman, confessed to Assistant District Attorney McGuire yesterday that he had stolen \$30,000 worth of diamonds from his employer, Marx G. Levy, a diamond dealer at 64 Maiden lane. Levison pleaded guilty in General Sessions to an indictment for stealing a diamond worth \$700, but then he owned up that he had stolen much more and named all the diamonds with pawnbrokers.

Levison gave the names of the pawnbrokers and Judge McGuire issued subpoenas for them to appear in court on March 5, when Levison will be sentenced. If the diamonds can be identified Judge McGuire will probably order that they be returned to Levy.

Levison, who is 29 years old, lived at 11 East 119th street. He said he spent his money on speculating in Wall Street and betting on horse races.

## PLOT AGAINST ALFONSO.

Two Men Arrested While King Reviews the Spanish Troops.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Matin says that a plot against the life of King Alfonso has been discovered in Madrid. Two men suspected of complicity in the conspiracy were arrested at Caramanche while the King was reviewing the troops.

## ERIE TO USE RIVER TUBES.

President Underwood Says Contract With Tunnel Company Has Been Signed.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Feb. 27.—In response to questions of commuters along the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie Railroad President F. D. Underwood has given out the information that through service in the "Mokdox tunnel" will be available for passengers from Montclair and other points. "The contract between the Erie Railroad and the Hudson River Tunnel Company has already been signed," said Mr. Underwood, "and we can make connections with the new tunnel within a few months. The Erie Railroad will positively connect with the new tunnel."

President Underwood also declares that the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie Railroad will be electrically equipped as soon as the financial conditions warrant the necessary expenditure.

## HUGHES FIGHT ON IN KENTUCKY.

A. B. Humphreys Starts Movement to Get State's Delegation.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 27.—A. B. Humphreys of New York, who is enlisted in the campaign of Gov. Hughes for the Republican President nomination, came to Louisville to-day.

He met a number of local and State workers at the Galt House and machinery was set in motion for gaining as